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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1714

PATENT  
0152-0574P

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Nagayuki TAKAO et al	Art Unit: 1714
Serial No.:	09/924,679	Conf.: 2364
Filed:	August 9, 2001	Examiner: Shosho
For:	AQUEOUS INK COMPOSITION	

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 9, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL	19	-	23	=	0	\$ 18	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT	1	-	3	=	0	\$ 86	\$ 0.00
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						TOTAL	\$ 0.00

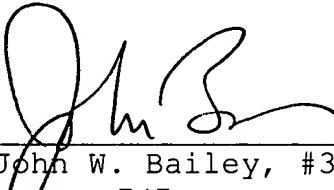
- Petition for two (2) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).
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- Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, and further in view of the Notice of Appeal filed on December 14, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 11, 15 and 18 are amended.

Claim 4 is cancelled.